(d) The loss making subsidiaries of Coal India Limited are not in a position to discharge the liability.

(e) The payment of arrear to the employees who have separated from service or will separate till 31.03.2002 is being arranged. For other employees, the issue is being discussed with the Trade Unions.

Direction to MCL to adopt a uniform fuel supply agreement for all its consumers

3201. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached the Union Government to direct Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. to adopt a uniform Fuel Supply Agreement for all its consumers including Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Company;

(b) if so, the details of the uniform Fuel Supply Agreement submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) the action/decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, when it is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had recently addressed a letter to Ministry of Coal to direct Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) to adopt a uniform Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) for all its consumers, specifically dealing with determination of grade of coal on rake to rake basis, non-payment for ungraded coals, and formula for price determination and escalation.

(c) and (d) MCL has adopted separate model FSAs for different consuming sectors. The FSA between MCL and Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) is in advance stage of negotiations and most of the outstanding issues have been sorted in bilateral meetings. A suitable reply has been sent by the Ministry of Coal to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on various related issues.